THE

HONOR and COURAGE

OF OUR

English Parliaments

In the Raign of

Queen Elizabeth

Of ever Bleffed Memory,

In Defending of HER, and the PROTESTANT RELIGION.

Expressed in some of the Preambles of the Acts for Subsidies, granted to that Famous Princess.

Post tot ———— Tendimus in Latiam?

That Man who doth not Defend his Religion and Country, (having the Law on his fide) will either through flavish Fear, or for base Interest, (when times Change) most certainly give up and Sacrifice both.

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An ACT of a Subfidy, with 2 Fifteenths and Tenths granted by the Temporalty.

He certain knowledge and perfect sence, which we Rastalls your Majesties most humble Subjects have and feel, Stat. 5. of the great felicity which fince your Reign we Eliz. c. 1 hitherto have enjoyed, and now presently do enjoy, far beyond all other Nations our Neighbours, yea, much augmented to our happiness, having regard to the former eroublesome times amongst our selves, doch vehemently press and enforce us, first and principally withal our hearts and Souls, to acknowledge our most bounden Duty to Almighty God, the King of Kings, for his Excellent, Singular, and Divine Goodness, shewed to us his Creatures, in preserving for our Safety, after fo many Storms, your Royal Princely Person our most Gracious Queen, and in guiding and directing the same for our happiness, in so happy an Age, thus happily, quietly, and providently to Govern us his People committed to your charge: And next for the same great benefits bestowed upon us by his merciful Goodness, and through your Majesties Person and Regiment, to offer our selves most ready, wich all Obeyfance and Loyalty, to ferve, and most humbly to obey your Majefty, as Gods immediate Minister in Earth, and Sopream Governor over us, to the untermoft of our Power and end of our Lives. And furthermore, confidering with our felves, and beholding manifeltly with our Lives, the many notable,

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notable, beneficial, and Princely acts done by your Majesty, with the affent of Gods favour, in these sew years, for the

Weal and Surety of this your Realm.

First, in restoring us to the favour, knowledge, and true Service of Almighty God, by Restauration into this Church of England, a sincere, uniform Rule and Order in Christian Religion, by delivery of us and our Consciences, from a Forreign, unnatural Tyranny and Power, notwithstanding the many and great Threatnings of Worldly Power to the contrary.

Next, by reducing this your Realm, and all other your Dominions, from War, wherein you found it, to Peace with your Neighbours: Which two godly Acts your Majesty did accomplish immediately at your first entry to this your

Grown.

Thirdly, by the evident delivery of this Realm from the great and manifest intended Invasions, conspired and prepared by Strangers, (the Antient Enemies of this Realm) foyning therewith the Princely and upright preservation of the Liberty of the next Realm and Nation of Scotland, from imminent Captivity and Desolation, and so without any bloody Battel, most providently (though chargable) delivering the force of the Enemy intended against this Realm to their Reproof.

Fourthly, by repairing, floring, enriching, building, and reinforcing this your Realm with the worthiest Treasures of Armour, Munition, and all kind of Provisions offensive and defensive for War, and of a Princely Navy of Ships for the Service and Defence of this your Country, and us your People.

And next thereto, as it were in a time allmost desperate and doubtful, for the weight of the matter, by converting of the loathsome, and vile great, and long grown bulk of Copper and counterfeit Monies, eating and daily consuming the Honour and Wealth of this Realm like a Canker, into Treasures only of Gold and Silver Monies, without having any piece of Copper Money currant in this Realm, a singular preheminence above all Countries in Christendome.

And laftly, by a most provident and seasonable enterprise nowizken in hand this year, being thereto necessarily provoked (befides the forefight for fafety of your own Realm) for the defence also of your Majesties tender young Brother, and next Neighbour, the French King, being forcible govern'd against his Laws and Liberty, by reason of ambition of certain of his uncontented Subjects, being not disposed to live as Subjects in quietness, as the experience of them towards this Realm hath also proved. And confequently in this Enterprize. your Majesty not forgetting the just and seasonable recovery of an antient Portion of this your Crown, lately and unforrnnarely spoyled and broken off. And we also, taking and fenfibly feeling, from the highest of us to the lowest, through all degrees, places, and times, an universal and most bleffed Fruit of Justice, both for our Lives, Lands; Goods, and Behaviour, without Exception of Persons, to the inestimable. vea, and unaccustomed comfort and joy of all your good and faithful Subjects, and to the fingular recommendation of your Majesties happiness to all Posterity, being hitherto never compelled to tax or reprehend, much less to draw Blood of any person for any Offence to your Majesties Royal Person, a bleffedness never enjoyed so long by any of your Progenitors to our knowledge, which Princely and notable acts with many others not here for length to be Rehearled, have been and for continuance thereof, must needs be so burdenous and chargable to your Majesty, that though we cannot indeed find an Example of any one meet present or guift by name of Subfidy or any other Relief or Aid granted to any of your Progenitors, fufficient to recompence and acquir fome one of thefe your many Princely and notable Acts, or the charges therein fustained: Yet we meaning and freely of our felves intending, according to our bounden Duties, to make some kind of Declaration, Specification, and Recognition of our great Debts of Service to your Majesty, being not able to make any full satisfactions as your Majesties most humble, obedient, and loving Subjects, humbly

humbly on our Knees, befeech your Highness, that at this time, instead of surfacion for our great Debts due for your Princely demories and charges, our small Guist may not be measured with your Acts, or with our own Debts to your Majesty; but of your accustomed clemency, accepted joyntly with the treasfure of our hemble, infinite, and unmeasurable thoughts and intentions of our hearts towards your Majesty, and that for the acceptation thereof, it may be by your Highness, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, Enacted as followeth:

An Act of one Fifteenth and Tenth, and one Subfidy granted by the Temporalty.

8. Cap. B your Majesties most humble Subjects, meaning (accept. cap. Cording to our most bounden Duties) to present unto Rastal your Majesty, by way of Subsidy, some Relief for the great extraordinary Charges Sustained in the Defence of your Majesties Dominions and Countries, against fundry dangerous attempts: cannot forbear, but withall humbleness, most thankfully to set before the same our most lowly thanks; for three special matters proceeding from your Majesty, to our benefit, joy, and comfort, in this present Assembly.

First, for the most Princely consideration had of us, in the forbearing at this time some Portion of that, which according to the greatness and necessity of your affairs. We of Duty meant and intended to have yielded unto your Maiesto.

Secondly, for the most constorable afforance and promile, by your Majesty made and Declared unto us, that for our Weale and Supery, your Majesty would Marry as soon as God should give you opportunity to accomplish the same, whereof we have received infinite comfort, and shall pray to Almighty God to further and prosper all your Majesties Actions tending thereunto, that we your most Natural Subjects, may speedily see some Noble Issue of your Body, to continue perpetually by dissent, the Succession of

this Imperial Crown.

Thirdly, for the great hope and comfort we have conceived, by the means of your Majesties most Honourable Speech uttered and Declared unto us, of your Majesties most Gracious and Princely Disposition, and Determination, when time shall thereunto serve conveniently, with the furery of your Majesties Person, and the Weale and Tranquility of your Realm, to have due regard to the further establishing of the Succession of your Emperial Crown, as Law and Justice shall require the same, after the succession of the Issue of your Body. In which your Gracious dispofition and care for us, we most humbly befeech Almighty God to continue your Majesty, and to prosper your intentions and actions, to Establish that, which with affent of your Realm in Parliament, may be agreeable and confonant to Law and Juffice, and to remain to all Ages hereafter inviolable, and to the praise, honour, and memory of your Majesty and yours perperually, and that touching the Grant of your faid Sublidy, it may be Enacted in munner and form following.

An Act for the Grant of one Subfidy, and two Fifteenths and Tenths by the Temporalty.

WE your Majesties most Obedient, Humble, Faithful, and Anno 23 Loving Subjects, being here in your most high Court El. cap. 2 of Parliament Assembled, cannot but at our first meeting Rastall.

and consultation, enter into due consideration of the great charges your highness hath fusteined, not only in seeking by way of prevention, to flop such Forreigne attempts as otherwide (not provided for) might have been made very dan; gerous against this your highness Realm, and as your Subjects (which hath not, and as we well consider, could not be performed without the employment divers ways of some great Portion of Treasure) but especially hath been now of late put to an infinite charges, both by Sea and by Land, in the profecution of certain Evil affected members of your Highness Realm of Ireland, that most Disloyally, unnaturally entred into adual Rebellion, with a manifest intent to shake off the Subjection and obedience, that by the Laws of God and man they are bound to yeild: And in as much as in them was to deprive and bereave the Crown of that Realm, from this your Imperial Crown of England, to which it hath been fo many years joyned and annexed, and that Principally by the procurement of the Bishop of Rome, enemy to God, your Majefty, and to all this your Realm, not without the countenance and help of some other great and mighty Potentates his adherents: Although Almighty God of his goodness hath hitherto given your Majesty, victory and diverted the attempts, making them vain and fruitless.

And therefore these things by us considered, we cannot but with all dutifulness, if we did consider the charges pass, without regard of the necessity to withstand future Attempts, but present unto your Majesty our readiness, yielding unto your Highness some liberal contribution: But when we enter into further consideration, First, how the Fire kindled in that your Highness Realm of Victord, is not yet quenched, whereby your Majesty is forced, to your infinite charges, as well to subdue the evil affected of that Realm, as also to Impeach the Forreign assistance, that by common report, and specially by sollicitation of sundry Traytors that were naturally born Subjects to this and that your Crown of Ireland, but unnaturally are broken

off, and become menstrous rotten Members, is preparing to repair thither, to continue great Forces in Pay, as well by Sea as by Land.

Secondarily, what advertisements and forewarnings come as it were from all parts of Christendome of an intended Invasion, not only against your said Realm of Ireland, but against the rest of your Majesties Realms and Dominions.

And laftly, what Practifes are lately fet abroach, and in part put in Execution to breed a Divorce and Alienation of the good Amity that hath been between your Majesty and your next Neighbour, which if the same should take place, cannot

but be an occasion of great Expences and Charges.

Therefore upon view of the Premises, considering the great and most necessary charges already past, by your Highness suffained, and greater like to ensue (if we were so ingrate as to forget the great benefits that we have received through the goodness of Almighty God, under your Majesties most blessed and happy Government, as the like was never enjoyed by any Subjects of this Land) cannot, but in regard of our own particular Saseties, strain our selves to the utmost of our power, to yield such Contribution, as the preservation of your most excellent Majesty, and of our selves, your most humble Subjects, doth most justly require.

And therefore, to shew our selves as well thankful sowards your Majesty, as careful to provide that which may be for our own safety, do with all humility present unto your Highness a Subsidy and two Fifteenths and Tenths towards your Highness

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An Act for the grant of one entire Subfidy and two Fifteenths and Tenths granted by the Temporalty.

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Onfidering with our felves (most Gracious Soveraigne) what infinite Charges your Highness hath been driven to Suffain, besides your continual Princely care to prevent and withstand the fundry most dangerous Practises and Enterprises of long time devised, and from time to time concinually purfued and put in practife by that cappital Enemy unto God and your Majesty, who for maintenance of his Ufurped Authority, and to suppress the true Christian Religion, professed within your Majesties Realm of England and Ireland, hath by all means to him possible, provoked and stirred up others of great Power, to do what they can, for the utter ruinating of the former happy Estates of both the same Realms, which through the affiftance of the Almighty, and by your Majesties great care and pollitique foresight, hath been hitherto, and by Gods grace hereafter, still shall be sufficiently and effectually provided for and defended: And understanding allo, that at this present, there are very great preparations made and making in Forreign parts both for Sea and Land, of intentions to invade your Majesties Realms and Dominions. to the great Danger of all your Good and Faithfull Subjects: And weighing with our felves, how providently thefe their like intentions have been hitherunto prevented and Frustrate, and the inward Peace of your Realm longer continued, then ever was in any time of your Progenitors, and how necessarily great quantity of your Treasure hath been expended in mainconnece of the faid Peace, and what dangerous effects would follow, if by Gods goodness, and some politique means, the same course should not be continued, and these intended inva-

fion withstood without delay, which we manifestly see can in no wife be done or performed without a continual and ines stimable charge: we therefore your Majesties most Loyal and obedient Subjects, having in all Duty, for Gods Honour, your Majesties safety, and our own surety and Liberty (as it behoveth us) due confideration of the premises, should thew our selves not only most unthankful for so many, and for so inestimable benefits, so long time received by Gods goodness, uling your Majesty as his special distributer of the same in your Princely and careful Government of us, but also utterly careless, yea, willfully contemnors of our own quiet and fafety, if we should not make offer to yield unto your Majefly (besides the service of our Bodies naturally due to be beflowed in Defence of our Common Mother and Country) fome Contribution of our Lands and Goods to the uttermost of our abillity, and that in a better manner and more agreeable to the Truth of our meaning, where the same ought of right to be yielded, then hath been feen and executed in many places amongst the Richer fort for like Contribution, by corruption or great negligence of them, to whom the special care thereof was committed.

An A& for the grant of two intire Subfidies and four Fifteenths and Tenths granted by the Temporalty.

Most gracious Soveraign, when we enter into due conside 31 Eliration of the most Princely Provident fort of Government, cap. 1 which your most excellent Majesty hash hitherto held, even Restalsince your first entry into the possession of this Crown, in preferving this Realm in a perperual Peace and quietness, free from all Forreign Invasions, notwithstanding the sundry attempts, tempts, as well by open great Forces many times prepared and bent against the Realm, as by continual Practises, Conspiraeies; and Plots laid by your Highness Enemies abroad, and by Rebels at home, which manifestly tended, not only to the interruption of the happy peace and repole of us your humble Subjects, and this your Highness Realm, and other your Dominions, but also to the utter subversion thereof, and ruin of the ame. In all which your Majefties most hoble Actions, we have feen a most notable natural disposition of your Majesty, at no time to have attempted by Invalion of any your Enemies Countries to have possessed the same, as your Majesty we know might many times have done very readily, and also justly, in respect of the hostile attempts so often offered, both against your own Royal Person and your Dominions, which course we do certainly know your Majesty hath followed, in respect that your continual purpose was to preserve us in a Peace at home. by your provident manner of defence of your Dominions and Countries against open Invadors. And many more like confiderations and observations of your Wise and happy Government. We do also further consider, how the accomplishing of these your honourable and Princely actions, the great and infinite charges your Majesty hath sustained, and that especially the last year, in prepairing and maintaining so long time, so puissant an Army by Sea, besides the Forces assembled by Land, for the withstanding the two great and Mighty Armies prepared the one in the Low-Countries, and the other brought forth out of Spain, with intent, by their mighty joynt Forces, far exceeding all others in any memory of man, to have made a full bloody Conquest of this Realm, had not the same been prevented, through the fingular, yea, miraculous goodness of Almighty God, and your Highness great Preparations and Forces in charge and puissance above all other former prepared in this Realm, at any time in our memories for the withstanding the fame. We therefore your Majesties most Humble, Loyal, and Loving Subjects, as well in regard of the humble duty we

owe unto your most excellent Majesty, under whose Gracious and Princely Government, we have received formany and fingular benefits, as well spiritual and temporal, as also the natural care we ought to have of our own particular prefervation, having due-confideration both of the puissance joyned with extream malice of your Majesties Enemies, which also we have good cause to think to be encreased through the great defeat they received in their late Enterprises by them accompted invincible, cannot but present unto your excellent Majesty, with all lowliness and humility, besides the service of our Bodies, with all our worldly Power, some contribution in way of Subfidy, out of our Lands and Goods, as in part of an acknowledgment of our humble Duties unto your Highness towards the bearing of some part of the great and infinite charge your Majesty hath already sustained, and is like hereaster to sustain, in the withstanding of such forcible and malicious attempts, as it is not to be doubted, but that your said Enemies will do their uttermost to put in Execution, with the Forces and Aids of all their Confederates: And for that we do perceive, that the Granting only of fuch an ordinary Subfidy, to be leavyed as hath been commonly used in former times of smaller dangers, is no wife sufficient and answerable to the unusual and great charges sustained, and to be sustained by your Majesty for these so great Actions necessary to be taken in hand, to withstand such extraordinary Forces of so many mighty Enemies as have been feen this last year both by Land and Sea, and are by forefight in wisdom to be as greatly doubted, both this year to come, and in time following (we know not how long) unless the Almighty God shall be pleased to disappoint, and make frustrate the accompts of your Majesties Enemies, as at all times hitherto of his fingular favour he hath done.

An Act for the grant of three entire Subfidies, and fix Fifteenths and Tenths, granted by the Temporalty.

g Eliz. ap. 13. lastal.

M Oft Gracious most Excellent Soveraign, it is deeply Engraven in our remembrance, what puissant and mighty Forces were for some sew years since prepared and brought against this noble Realm our Native Country, with a violent Resolution to have made a full bloody Conquest of this our Nation, and to have reduced the same under a perpetual and miserable Yoke of Forraign Potentates, which most perilous attempt of Invasion and Conquest, as it was then by the singular goodness of Almighty God, with your Majesties Princely Power and notable Policy defeated, without any the least interruption of our inward Peace and publick Security, so we have just cause to doubt not that shofe your Majesties cappital and dangerous Enemies continue still a setled and obstinate purpose, to renew the same with greater strength and more available advantage then before, but also, that the time approacheth very near, when their such invended Confederacy is like to be put in Effect and Execution, for entring into due confideration, both of fuch things as we may of our felves reach to observe and discern, and principally of those high and great matters of State, which your Majesty in a most gracious Trust and favourable confidence rowards us vouchfafed to open and impart unto us, (touching the projects and Plots of the same your Enemies) as we do infinitely acknowledge your Mainties most prudent and warchful foresight. fo we do evidently perceive that the Enemies of your Highness and this State, do not onely pursue a determinate course, as much as they may to impoverish your Crown and Realm, by intercepting the Traffique of your Merchants, but are far proceeded

ceeded in very great Practifes and malicious Enterprises, for the ruining and supplanting of your Confederates in France and Scotland, and for the getting into their possession, or at the least to be at their Devotion, the most commodious and fit places and pieces whence to offend and invade your Majesties Dominions, fo that looking into the depth of these apparent and eminent Dangers, with Loyal and Zealous hearts to your Majesty, and natural affection to our flourishing Country; we rest perswaded, that such extraordinary remedy is needful to be provided, as may in some fort be proportionable to the peril. And further we fee, and with unfeigned thanks do acknowledge that your Majesties magnanimity, and most rare incomparable Benignity towards us, is fuch, that having to deal in thele your long continuing Wars with the greatest Lords of Treasure of the World, and making onely a Defensive War for our quies and prosperous preservation, and being of your Highness own inclination a most moderate Dispenser of Treasure; your Majesty hath nevertheless been pleased to expend and employ a great Portion of your Revenue and Treasure, only to spare and ease the charge of us your most bounden and loving Subjects, wherein we cannot sufficiently admire the excellency of your Majesties most Princely nature, and therewithal cannot also but continually fet before our Eyes the inestimable Blessings which by your Majesties most happy Government we enjoy, the incomparable benefit of Gods true Religion planted and publickly professed amongst us, your Majesties unmeasurable clemency in the Execution of your Laws, your wonderful Providence in preferving us in this happy Peace, free from any hostile Invasion, notwithstanding the might and malice of your Enemies, and many more notable and unspeakable benefits which have accompanied your Majesties most flourishing times. besides the great and perpetual honour which it hath pleased God to give your Majesty abroad, in making you the principal support of all just and Religious causes against Usurpers. So that this Island hath in your Majesties days been as a stay and Sanctuary

Sanctuary to distressed States and Kingdoms, and as a Bulwark against the Tyranies of mighty and usurping Potentates: We therefore calling to fresh memory these your Majesties most rare and extraordinary benefits, and weighing with our felves the present important necessity, and foreseeing the flame of those great Miseries, whereinto, from so great Bleffings, we might fall without good and timely provision; and particularly descending into consideration, both what an high proportion of charge your Majesty doth presently sustain in your Dominions and Countries far above any of your Majesties Noble Progenitors, besides the great succors in France and Flanders, which we do conceive to be most honourable in regard of the antient Leagues, the Justice and Equity of their, and also how meet and convenient it is, that your Majesty be further furnished with Treasure for our defence; we have thought it our bounden Duty at this time, most willingly and readily to offer, not only this extraordinary Subfidy, but also like good and loyal Subjects, do proftrate our Lives and Services to be employed at your Princely commandment. And therefore, because these our doings shall remain in perpetual Record to the view of all Pofferities hereafter, we most humbly beseech your most excellent Majesty, that with your gracious favour, we may testifie and express, that our intentions is, that this which we have now done upon so extraordinary and urgent a necessity to so good and gracious a Princess, be not drawn a President for the times to come. And therefore, we do here with the most dutiful humility we possibly may, present unto your most Sacred Majefty three intire Subfidies, and fix Fifteenths and Tenths towards your Highness great Charges for our Defence.

An Act for the Grant of three entire Subfidies and fix Fifteenths and Tenths, granted by the Temporalty.

MOst Excellent and most Gracious Soveraign, The sence and 39 Each natural feeling of the singular and inestimable benefits, cap 27. which we your Majesties Loyal and Loving Subjects, by the rare Rafial. and particular Providence of God, do enjoy under your most hapby and Pollitick Government (daily multiplyed unto us beyond all Example of former Ages) ought in it felf, not only to take from us all dulnefs or improvident Security, but to increase more and more a vigilant Jealousie of the interruption or disturbance of our present state and condition, wherein we feel so effectually the spiritual benefit of Gods true Religion planted and possessed amongst us, the Restitution of the Imperial Crown of this Realm to the antient Jurisdictions and Preheminences, and the happy and inward Peace of so many years continued, and joyned both with clemency and Justice at home, as well in the moderate pressing, or rather in the benign remitting of infinite Penalties of your Laws, as in tender and compassionare Relieving and Restraining of all common grievances and oppressions lighting upon the people of this Land, which is become fince your Majesties most happy days, both a Port and Haven of Refuge for distressed States and Kingdoms, and a Rock and Bulwark of Opposition against the Tyranies and ambitious attempts of mighty and usurping Potentates. This, with many more unspeakable benefits, are such as we cannot but with all Duty and Devotion, lift up our hearts to God and your Majesty in all Thanksgiving and acknowledgment, and also prostrate and cast down our Lives, Substances, and Services, and whatfoever we have, to be employed at your Royal Commandment. But when we enter into a ferious and fetled confi-

confideration of our present standing, compared with the excream that and from threacoed appoins by the impleoable malice and violent attempts of our mighty Enemies, preparing and enterprifing to make a Bloody Conquett of this your Majeries Noble Realm, our Native Country, and utterly to extinguish our Name and Nation, or to reduce the same under a milerable Captivity and Yoke of Forraign Servitude. We do then find the Law of Nature and Necessity no less strong and forcible, then the Bond of Thankfulners and Duty, to make us think all too little that we can vield and offer for our Defence and Prefervation. And laftly. when we do behold the rare and wonderful felicity wherewith it firth pleafed Almighty God to blefs from time to time your Matelties most prudent and provident Councels, and the Executions. of them, in the breaking, disappointing, and diverting of so many Hostile accempts, which have been still incended and offered against this Realm: And when we do fall into the particular examination how infinitely your Majesties proper Treasures have been exhaufted, fince we had any opportunity in this fort to yield your Majesty any actual Demonstration of our Zeals and Duties, not only by your Majesties maintenance of extraordinary Armies in Treland, to suppress that unnatural Rebellion fed by the King of Spain, and by continuance of affiliance to the French King, and the Low-Countries, but also by setting forth both Royally and Providently, at fundry times, your Majesties Navy and Arthy to the Seas, even in the times when all things were at highest prices, ... By which your Majesties Royal care and charge, all such miseries as are inseparable from all Forreign Invasions, have been deferred and delivered from us your Loving Subjects, and with no small terror and confusion reverberate on their own Nects, whilft we at home have enjoyed all Peace and Tranquillity: And when we make further observation by that Light, which your most excellent Majesty, in a most gracious Trust and confidence, hath vouchfafed to give us, by letting us not only know how far onward their most dangerous attempts against this Kingdom had proceeded, but also hath imparted unto us, what to the uttermost of all his power and

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and means is daily laboured and contrived with all the Princes or States, whom he can infest against this Kingdom mon false sugge Mons thereby the easier to countive our only Ruin and Denruction We descontes (most rations soveralso) that all their harmal and necessary considerations being duly weighed, have deeply imprinted in our hearts, both our own imminent Peril, your Majesties infinite care and Love towards us (for whom nothing of your own hath been tool dear) and make us know and feel, that no common or ordinary remedies can be proportionable to these extraordinary growing and swelling mischiefs, but that it is high time for us to resolve, that withal expedition possible, this Realm must be throughly provided of all things fit for maintenance of War, both by Sea and Land, as well by increasing and repairing of your Majesties Royal Navy, which is truly termed the Walls of this Kingdom, and wherein daily by new preparations, the Enemy doth labour and ftrive, if he could, to exceed your Majesty; as also to provide further, that your Majesties Coffers may be in some measure better supplyed against all suddain accidents, whereof, though time must discover the particular mischiefs, yet the circumspection and forefight must only secure us from the perils: To the effecting whereof teeing to small likelihood doth appear of any help from Forraign States or Princes, but that the burthen of the War (belides the affifting of others) is like to be thrown still on your Maichy. We do befeech your Majesty (as a Pledge of our internal Zeals and Duties, to be further manifested hereafter by the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes at all times for your Majesties Service) to vouchfafe at this present the gracious acceptation of these Subsidies and Fifteenths, proceeding from cheerful and willing hearts; and because these our doings shall remain in perpetual Record to the view. of all Posteries hereafter. We most humbly befeech your most excellent Majesty, that with your Gracious Favour, we may testifie and express that our intention is, that this which we have now done upon to extraordinary and urgent a necessity to so good and gracious a Princess, be not drawn a President for the times to come, unless it be upon like urgent occasion.

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An Act for the grant of four entire Subfidies, and eight Fifteenths and Tenths, granted by the Temporalty.

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Oft Gracious and most excellent Soveraign, where we your Majesties humble, Faithfull, and Loving Subjects, being here (by your Authority) affembled in your high Court of Parliament, have entred into due confideration of the great and weighty Causes which ought at this time, more then any other time, to ftir up the hearts of all, that are either well affeded in Religion towards God, Loyalty towards you their dear Soveraign, or care of their own fafety and their posterities; to confult timely and provide effectually for all fuch means as are or may be necessary, to preserve both you and us from those apparent dangers, whereinto this State may fall through lack of for much care and Providence as agreeth with the Rules of Nature and common reason, and therefore much more to be challenged at our hands, to whom your Majesty hath youchsafed to give so great light of your inward knowledge, and judicious forelight of your enemies implacable Mallice, and their dangerous Plotts contrived against this Flourishing Kingdom, which is and long hath been the principle obstacle against that swelling ambition which hath to Blinded their understanding, as they do not only greedily feek, but vainly hope to attain to their unjust pretentions, coloured with falle and vain pretexts and infinuations as far from Truth as Light from Darkness. Forasmuch as in time of our advised and mature deliberation, we have furficiently perceived how great and how inestinable charges your Majesty hath fufteined many years in feeking (by way of prevention) to himder all such Forreigne attempts as otherwise (not provided for) might long fince have proved perilous to the whole Estate of the

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Common-wealth: And where it is apparent to all the World that if your Majesty had not exhausted the greatest Portion of your private Treasures, besides all other means derived from our dutiful affections, as well in making timely provision of all things necessary for your Army and Navy Royal, as in maintaining and useing the same at times convenient, that we should long before this day have been exposed to the danger of many suddain and dangerous attempts of our enemies, and failed in all those happy successes, which have accompanied your Royal actions, taken in hand for the Defence of this Estate. And seeing also that (at this present time) your Highness hath been put to inestimable Charges, in the necessary prosecution of an unnatural Rebellion within your highness Realm of Ireland, daily fed by Forreign E. nemies, whose Actions have not onely tended to the subversion of Gods true Religion planted amongst us, and to the bereaving of that Realm from your Imperial Crown of England, to which it hath been so many years joyned and annexed, but consequently to the ruine and spoyle of this most Flourishing Kingdome of Eigland: for the better effecting whereof, the King of Spain hath now openly invaded the Realm of Ireland, with an Army already Landed in the Province of Munster, having not forborn to Publish the resolute purpose to usurpe to himself that Crown even by plain Conquest (in case of resistance) though coloured with a vain pretext of an illulory Donation from the Sea of Rome. whose usurped authority we have abandoned, as becometh all good Subjects to do, that mean no less in deed, then they profels in name.

Forasimuch as we do seriously consider, that your Majesty and we your Faithful and obedient Subjects, are but one Body Politique, and that your Highness is the Head, and we the Members, and that no good or Felicity, Peril or Adversity, can come to the one, but the other shall partake thereof: We have thought it a matter incident to the natural care and sence we ought to feel of our present and suture condition, seeing our Enemies are strengthed by Combination with other States, and do receive from their

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In which confideration, and many other, needless to repeat, we have thought our selves bound in thankfulness to God for you, and to your Majesty for our selves, who seel the happiness of your gracious Clemency and Justice at home under your happy and Politique Government daily multiplyed unto us (beyond the Example of all Ages) to prepare, and make not only our Persons ready to withstand, resist, and subdue the force and puissance of our Enemies, (be they never so Potent) but also to present unto you sour Subsidies, and eight Fisteenths and Tenths, thereby to make up some such Portion of Treasure, as may (in some fort) supply the great and inestimable Charges, which you our most Gracious and Dread Soveraign have, and daily must sustain. All which, not-withstanding it be much less then may be sufficient for the present

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and argent heterficies, per, being a plain demonstration of out due confideration of all thole necessary Causes and important Reasons which we have heard delivered by your Royal direction. We have thought meet, not only to make it one of our first works to consult of that matter, which in other Sellions of Parliament, hath usually succeeded many other Acts and Consultations but To to enlarge and Improve the measure of this Oblation, which we shall offer to your Royal Person, as it might give your Majefly an affured Testimony of our Internal Zeals and Duties, to be further manifested hereafter by the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, at all times for your Majesties Service, whereof we befeech you to youchfafe (at this prefent) the Gracious acceptation, as proceeding from those loving and faithful Subjects of yours, who do defire to testifie both, in the extraordinary form and substance of our present offer, that though there liveth (and ever shall) in the hearts of your most bumble and obedient Subjects, an extraordinary Zeal to your Majesties Person: Yet, that we desire and intend that this (which is done to you at this time) shall be no otherwise interpreted, then as a lively Monument of those great Duties and Affections, which we do contentedly and comfortably strain for your Majesty, and in a manner far exceeding any former President, because no Age, either bath, or can produce the like Prefident of fo much happinels under any Princes Reign, nor of so continual Gracious care for our Prefervation, as your Majesty hath shewed in all your Actions, having never fluck to hazard, or rather negles, for our Prefervation, any part of those worldly Bleffings, wherewith Almighty God hach to plentifully indued you, in this time of your most happy Government,

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Ut of one thing I would have the Papifts of this Land to be admonished, that they prefume not so much upon my lenity (because I would be loath to be thought a Persecutor) as thereupon to think it lawful for them daily to encrease their number and strength in this Kingdom, whereby, if nor in my time, at least in the time of my Posterity, they might be in hope to Ered their Religion again: No, let them affure themselves, that as Tam a Friend to their Perfons, if they be good Subjects, to am I a vowed Enemy, and do denounce Morral Warr to their Errors; And that as I would be forry to be driven by their III behaviour from the protection and conservation of their Bodies and Lives, so will I never cease, as far as I can, to tread down their Errors and wrong Opinious, for I could not permit the encrease and growing of their Religion, without first betraying of my felf and mine own Conscience. Secondly, this whole life, as well the Part I am come from, as the Part I remain in, in betraying their Liberties, and reducing them to the former flavish Yoke, which both had casten off before I came amongst them, And hirdly, the Liberty of the Crown in my Posterity, which I thould leave again under a new Slavery, having found it left free one by my Predeceffors; And therefore would I wish all good eas that are deceived with that corruption, first, if they ny beginning of infrinction in themselves of knowledge and we to the Truth, to Foster the same by all Lawfull means, and beware of quenching the Spirit that workerh within them, and if they can find as yet no motion tending that way, to be Studious to read and conferre with Learned men, and to use Il fuch means as may further their resolution, assuring themlelves, that as long as they are disconformable in Religion from is, they cannot be but half my Subjects, be able to do but half Serice, and I to want the best half of them, which is their Souls.

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